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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

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SUBJECT:

Report on Vietnam Station Orientation #8-68 (No. 25)

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Basic Data

students completed the 25th running of the Vietnam Station Orientation (VSO), 30 April-2 May 1968 in Room GA 13. The student roster included two members of OTR.

2. Schedule

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Two changes had to be made; had to be replaced, because of a meeting, by his deputy, Mr. , who had initially agreed to give his talk as scheduled and as previously given by his chief, subsequently and arbitrarily declined to give it on the grounds that it was a "nonsubject!" and so did not make an appearance. volte-face, needless to say, caused me no small anger; but since it had a happy ending, i.e., one satisfactory to me, and all are friends once again, I will not go into the gory details.

3. New Speakers

We had two new speakers in this VSO: Mr. Daniel 25X1A9a 25X1A6a , and of the AGE Staff. Mr. 25X1A9a presentation is discussed in the following 25X1A9a paragraphs.

Reappearance of an Old Topic in the VSO

"Enduring Enemy Detention" was a regular feature of the Orientation until , who made the 25X1A9a 25X1A6a talk, went PCS to who made an excell-25X1A9a ent presentation, was not replaced largely because FE

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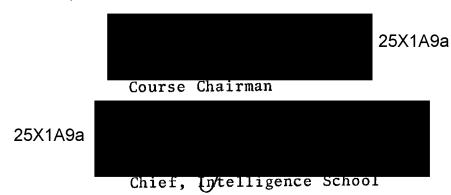
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people considered the topic unnecessary and potentially alarming to people heading for Saigon. It has since been re-instituted because of experiences connected with the Tet offensive. The lecture would normally be given by of A&E; but he was unable to be present and so it was given by 25X1A9a

5. Critiques

I asked only two questions on the critiques; (1) which presentation would you eliminate if you had to eliminate one? and (2) what was your reaction to the lecture on enemy detention?

Aside from the general injunction to eliminate nothing, there was no uniformity in the responses. Some hours that were singled out were the talks on insurance, living conditions, medicine, and one or two of the films. The reaction to the detention lecture was fairly uniform; everybody thought it worthwhile but thought the speaker could have done a better job and could have been more forthcoming on statistics of Agency prisoners in enemy hands.



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